

Stepanos Church. In addition, she was also heavily involved in charitable causes, including founding and overseeing the Fund for Armenian relief, an organization dedicated to the advancement of a market economy and providing education and financial assistance for children in post-Soviet Armenia.

Sirvart and her husband, Kevork, turned personal tragedy into hope and inspiration. Both Mrs. and Mr. Hovnanian were instrumental in the creation of the Alton A. Hovnanian Emergency Room at the Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, New Jersey. Understanding the importance of giving back to the community, Sirvart was also heavily involved in the creation of the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at the Jersey Shore Medical Center, as well as funding the construction of the cardiac care wing of the New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. All of her charitable work and giving back to the community was done without sacrificing her obligations to her family. Sirvart Hovnanian is the proud mother of five children, grandmother of thirteen, and great-grandmother of four.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Sirvart Hovnanian. Her humble disposition and commitment to her family and community truly make her deserving of this body's recognition.

#### RECALCITRANT CANCER RESEARCH ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 733, the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012, and to thank the bill's sponsors, Representatives ESHOO and LANCE for all of their work on this legislation.

This bill is crucial to the search for a cure for pancreatic and other deadly cancers and it is important to everyone whose life has been touched by the deadly disease—those suffering now, survivors, and of course the loved ones that cancer leaves in its wake.

This bill is a great first step to addressing some significant scientific challenges.

A diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is all too often a death sentence. It is the only major cancer that carries with it a 5 year survival rate of just 6 percent—a statistic that has not improved in the last 40 years.

Sadly, cases are projected to rise if we do nothing. It's the fourth leading cause of cancer-related death and there are no proven early detection methods. In fact, a typical narrative is that a patient feels not quite right. She goes in for an unrelated problem or illness, often difficult to diagnose. It can be weeks or months before the cause—pancreatic cancer—is identified.

I am all too familiar with that story. It is my mother's.

My mother fought a brave, years-long battle with pancreatic cancer, ultimately succumbing to the disease last year. There is nothing that I wouldn't have done to help her, but there is nothing I could have done to save her. When she was diagnosed, as now, there were no proven early detection and treatment methods.

We simply must reverse these statistics. The Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act will help do just that—it calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework to deal with these types of cancers.

By defining a roadmap for success and creating a strategy for research in this area, we can begin the process of reversing the abysmal statistics.

Cancer is not partisan, and neither is this bill—with over 290 bipartisan cosponsors, I am thrilled to see this bill move forward. It is time to address these issues and really make a difference in pancreatic cancer and other resistant cancers.

#### HONORING JOHN RONALD “JACK” SCHUFREIDER

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2012*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of a true American patriot, Mr. John Ronald “Jack” Schufreider, who is in Washington this week with other World War II veterans. Mr. Schufreider has already lived a full life: he is a husband, a father, a World War II veteran, and so much more. He is the epitome of the “greatest generation.”

Born in Chicago and raised in Oak Park, Illinois, Jack Schufreider left home to serve his country shortly after turning eighteen years of age in 1944. He was sent to the Pacific theater, where he served in the Field Artillery as a radio operator. After spending time in the Philippines, Jack was assigned to a unit and spent time interviewing soldiers who had been interred as prisoners of war under the Japanese.

When Jack Schufreider returned home after the war, he resolved to live a good life. With the help of the G.I. Bill he enrolled at Northwestern University, earning a degree in Business Administration. After graduation, he spent time as a salesman before he contributed almost thirty years of his life to the Channer Corporation—rising up to an executive position before retiring.

Jack saw remarkable success in the business world, and has seen similar success in his private life. He married his wife, Marjorie, and they have been together for over fifty five years. Over the course of those decades, they raised seven children, and I know they are quite proud of their twenty four grandchildren, and first great grandchild.

Today, Jack and his wife remain active members of the community. They are parishioners at St. Joan of Arc Church, and Jack continues to sing in the church choir. They regularly travel abroad and are very involved in community activities.

On behalf of myself and a grateful nation, I want to thank Jack Schufreider for all that he has done for our nation: for his service, his sacrifices, and the fruits of many decades of hard work. I want to welcome him and all the other veterans participating in the “Honor Flights” to Washington D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial.

IN HONOR OF LYNN BRAVEWOMON

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2012*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lynn Bravewomon, a resident of Hayward, California. Lynn was recently honored for her outstanding efforts to eliminate homophobic behavior and bullying in Hayward schools. On September 29, 2012, Ms. Bravewomon received the annual Pryor Conrad Award from GLOBE (Gays and Lesbians Organized for Betterment and Equality of Alameda County) for her exemplary efforts.

The Pryor Conrad Award is presented to an individual or group for outstanding service to the LGBT community. As the 2012 award recipient, Ms. Bravewomon exceeded all the qualifications.

Lynn Bravewomon has been actively supporting students, teachers and the Hayward community for over 20 years, working tirelessly for a safe school environment for LGBT students. She has made significant contributions to achieve this goal.

Her contributions include creating Safe Learning Environments for LGBT students; authoring a resolution for No Name-Calling Week and the use of inclusive curricula; facilitating the committee developing the current Hayward Unified School District's Safe and Inclusive School Program; establishing No-Name Calling Week, Ally Week and Day of Silence as annual district-wide events affecting more than 15,000 students each year; facilitating the development of a 9th grade health curriculum that addresses standards related to healthy relationships, inclusive of sexual orientation and all gender expression; producing the film “GSA Students Speak Out for School” in collaboration with the Middle School Film Club; providing support for Gay Straight Alliances for middle and high schools and developing a manual for Ally Clubs for elementary schools and participating in the creation of the Hayward Unified School District's Equity Action Plan.

I have listed a few of Ms. Bravewomon's many outstanding contributions. She has truly made a difference in the lives of others through her tireless commitment and exemplary efforts. Her service is a model to follow. I join Lynn Bravewomon's friends, colleagues and admirers in appreciation for her advocacy on behalf of students, teachers and the Hayward community for a safe school environment for LGBT students.

**BARRY E. CONWAY**

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2012*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, at the end of 2012 Barry Conway will retire as Commandant of the New Hampshire State Veterans Home after forty years of faithful service in health care administration. Mr. Conway began his career as a Corpsman with the United States Air Force serving from 1960–1964. Soon after leaving the Air Force, he pursued his post-secondary education in Rhode Island, before

beginning his work in health care administration working in long-term care facilities, ambulatory care centers and hospitals.

For the last twenty-three years, Mr. Conway has worked at the New Hampshire State Veterans Home, providing quality care and services to our states aging and disabled veterans. Under his leadership the Veterans Home has become a sought after long-term care facility, focusing on the special needs of our veterans. The care provided to our veterans not only meets their specific challenges and needs, but honors both them and their service to our country.

Mr. Conway has also shared his expertise and experience in caring for the elderly, frail, and disabled veterans as a member of many associations including the National Association of State Veterans Home, American College of Health Care Administrators, New Hampshire Health Care Association, and the American Legion. He has served New Hampshire and its residents well, especially our veterans community, and he will be sorely missed when he leaves the Veterans Home.

I congratulate Barry Conway on his well earned retirement and thank him for his outstanding support of our veterans here in New Hampshire. I wish both Barry and his wife Barbara continued success in their life together.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE WEST END CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2012*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the West End Church of God in Christ in my district of San Antonio, Texas as they celebrate 95 years of service to the community.

Throughout the past 95 years, they have worked diligently to provide the local community with spiritual enrichment, guidance and support. For nearly a century, they have endured and succeeded in accomplishing their mission to generations of families.

The service of The West End Church of God in Christ is as important today as it was 95 years ago, and their impact on our community cannot be understated. I would again ask you to help me congratulate The West End Church of God in Christ on their 95th jubilee.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE WARREN BRIGGS

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the life and service of the Honorable Warren Briggs. Mayor Briggs was a dedicated public servant and a staple in the community. Northwest Florida mourns his passing.

Mayor Briggs, a Saint Paul, Minnesota native, led a distinguished life as a public servant, businessman, educator and soldier. He was a graduate of the United States Military

Academy at West Point who answered the call of duty and served our nation with honor and distinction. Mayor Briggs served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and later returned to his alma mater to serve as an English Instructor at West Point. He served in the United States Air Force until 1957, achieving the rank of Major. Following his military service, Mayor Briggs settled down in northwest Florida with his wife, Gloria, and joined his father-in-law in the Century, Florida sawmills at Alger-Sullivan Company.

It did not take long for Mayor Briggs to become active in Pensacola and Escambia County politics. In 1966 he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives. Mayor Briggs was widely respected by his colleagues in the Florida State Legislature, and was described as a gentle politician by his friends. In 1976, he continued his service to the northwest Florida community as Mayor of the City of Pensacola until 1978.

Mayor Briggs was involved in myriad civic organizations and charities such as Hospice of Northwest Florida, University of West Florida Foundation, USO Downtown Improvements, Junior Achievement of Pensacola, the Navy League of the United States, the Children's Home Society, United Cerebral Palsy, the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Pensacola Museum of Art. He was also president of Baptist Health Care Foundation. Mayor Briggs' work ethic, humility, and dedication to the citizens of northwest Florida did not go unnoticed. He had been honored as the Businessman of the Year by the Pensacola News Journal, BIP Community Leader of the Year, and Madison Fellow. Mayor Briggs was also bestowed with the United Way Distinguished Community Service Award and the Baptist Healthcare Foundation Fellowship Award.

Mayor Briggs had a deep passion and commitment to beautifying the City of Pensacola, and he wanted to establish the city as the Grape Myrtle Capital of the World. He encouraged community residents to color the area by planting crape myrtles in their yards and other public spaces. He also worked to highlight the beauty and history of the city by developing and restoring Pensacola's historic buildings through his company, Thompson-Briggs Developers. He was also the self-appointed Pensacola weed inspector, a role that friends and family claim he was most passionate about.

To some, Mayor Briggs will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and member of our armed forces. To others, he will be remembered as an amiable and caring neighbor always willing to lend a hand to improve the city's appearance. To his family, he will most fondly be remembered as a loving brother, father, and grandfather. His impact on northwest Florida was immense, and his legacy will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life and service of Warren Briggs. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to his daughter, Sandi Briggs; granddaughter, Clancy Bambrick; brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Nan Briggs and the entire Briggs family.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BOB MURRAY

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Bob Murray for his long and distinguished career helping families on Cape Cod.

For the past twenty-five years, Bob has been one of the Cape's strongest advocates for those who are in need of a home. He first became involved with helping the homeless when he was a small business owner and town selectman in Arlington, Massachusetts. Upon his retirement, Bob, like many in Massachusetts, chose to relocate to the Cape. Unlike most, however, his work did not end there. Instead, Bob chose to dedicate himself to helping those who are struggling with homelessness. When he found out that several local families were living in hotels, and threatened with losing even that form of shelter, he went into action, visiting every local pastor in the town of Harwich and raising money to help these families establish new homes. This grassroots initiative quickly grew into the Harwich Ecumenical Council for Housing, or HECH, an organization that has helped countless families since it was officially founded in 1990. Today, HECH's many responsibilities include the management of a portfolio of fifty-eight of its own rental units, one-to-one assistance with homeownership opportunities, and individual counseling. In addition, HECH founded The Children's Center of Harwich, a year-round childcare program that has proven to be an important resource for the area's working families.

Bob's compassion for those struggling with homelessness has reached nearly every corner of Cape Cod. In addition to being the president and founder of HECH, Bob was also a founding board member of the Family Pantry of Cape Cod, an organization that has provided food and clothing to those in need for nearly twenty-three years. He also founded the Falmouth Service Center in Falmouth, Massachusetts, a one-stop organization that provides housing opportunities, clothing, and community resources to local families. Nonprofits nationwide now turn to Bob for consulting, as his story is seen as a model of what can be accomplished when one is truly dedicated to helping others.

Residents of Cape Cod's shoreline know Bob as the man who loves to raise awareness for a good cause. For the past twenty years, Bob has organized the annual Housing with Love Walk on Cape Cod, leading others as they walk along the coast from Provincetown to Sandwich in order to raise awareness for the issues faced by the homeless. This year, Bob's organizations joined forces with several other local nonprofits, and over a quarter of a million dollars was raised for those in need. Known as an "entrepreneur with a deep heart," Bob is well-loved by his friends and co-workers. He continues to work tirelessly with his wife, Judy, in ensuring that no family on Cape Cod faces the incredible hardship of homelessness.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Bob Murray for his extraordinary career in helping others. I am proud to call him my friend and I ask that my colleagues join me in